For the convenience of public, information relating to procedures of different jobs being done by the Directorate is given through public address system.

Health problem ascribed to Soft drinks

1720. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the various health problems ascribed to soft drinks;

(b) whether Government propose to stop TV/All India Radio advertisements in this regard;

(c) whether any in-depth scientific studies have been conducted on the deleterious effects of soft drinks;

(d) whether the use of saccharine caffe, phosphoric and citric acids etc. is permitted despite scientific evidence of their harmful effects;

(e) whether any cases of adulteration have been detected; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof state-wise, for the last three years and prosecutions launched and punishments awarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government is aware and accordingly specifications of soft drinks have been laid down under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules and the products conforming to these specifications are not harmful.

(b) It is not considered necessary.

(c) Scientific studies conducted on the possible harmful effects of soft drinks have revealed that consumption of soft drinks conforming to the prescribed standards under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, are unlikely to cause any harmful effect.

(d) Use of saccharine, caffeine phosphoric and citric acids is permitted in carbonated water within safe limits keeping in view the Average daily intake recommended by F.A.O./W.H.O. Codex Alilmentaries Commissionr Carbonated water conforming to the specifications laid down under Prevention of Food Adulteration rules, are considered safe.

(e) and (f) The cases of adulteration detected, prosecutions launched and punishments awarded during the last 3 years as available State-wise are given as under:

Name of the State/UT	No. of sample found Adulterated	No. of prosecutions launched	Punishments awarded
1. Andhra Pradesh	40	19	..
2. Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	..
3. Gujarat	42	42	..
4. Haryana	76	76	..
5. Jammu & Kashmir	2 (1985)	..	..
6. Karnataka	1	1	..
7. Kerala	15	15	..
8. Rajasthan	25	25	..
9. Chandigarh	12	12	..
10. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2	2	..
11. Goa Daman and Diu	Nil	Nil	..
12. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil	Nil	..
13. Lakshadweep	..	..	..
14. Pondicherry	8	7	..
15. Orissa	Nil	Nil	..